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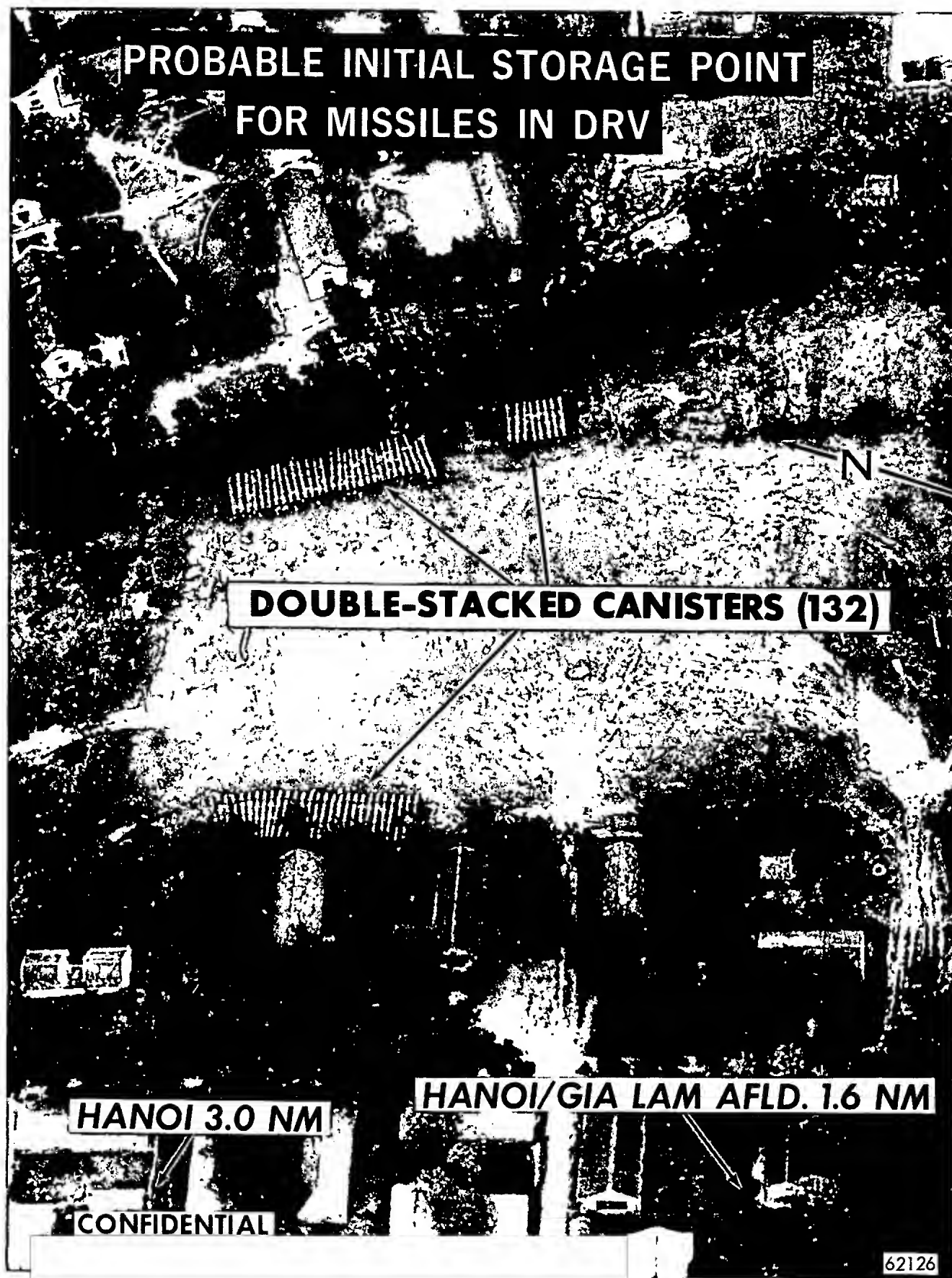
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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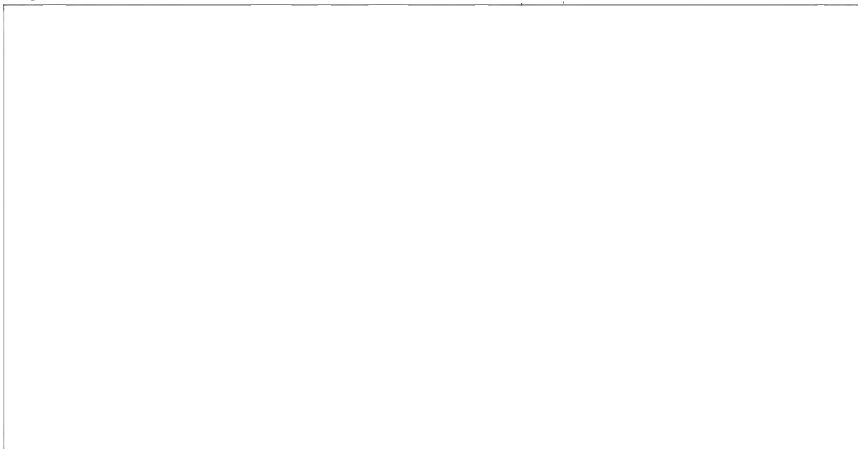
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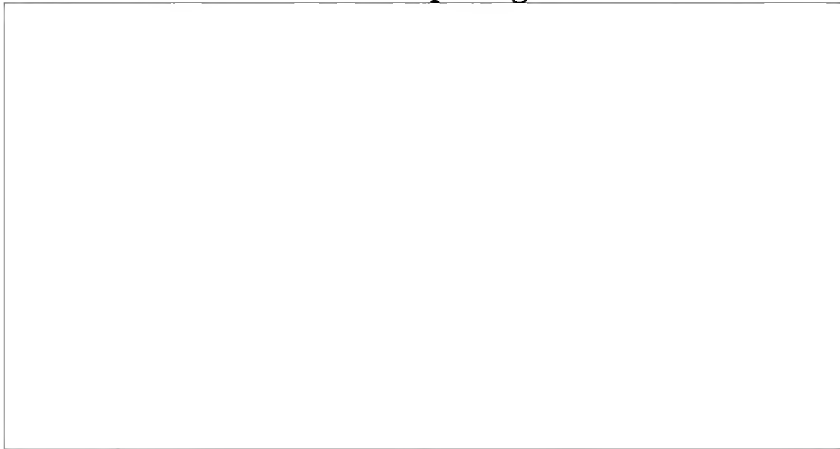
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1. Vietnam

We have further evidence suggesting that large numbers of troops have moved down the trails to South Vietnam this year.

**2. North Vietnam**

Photography of last Sunday shows at least 132 canisters for surface-to-air missiles lined up at an army barracks about three miles from Hanoi. (See photograph.) Nearby are two support facilities which service the missile units around Hanoi and Haiphong.



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3. South Vietnam

The council to draft an election law got off to a shaky start today. The three-hour session quickly degenerated into criticism of the government, arguments over the powers of the council, and demands that the government issue a clarifying decree.

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4. Soviet Union

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5. Indonesia

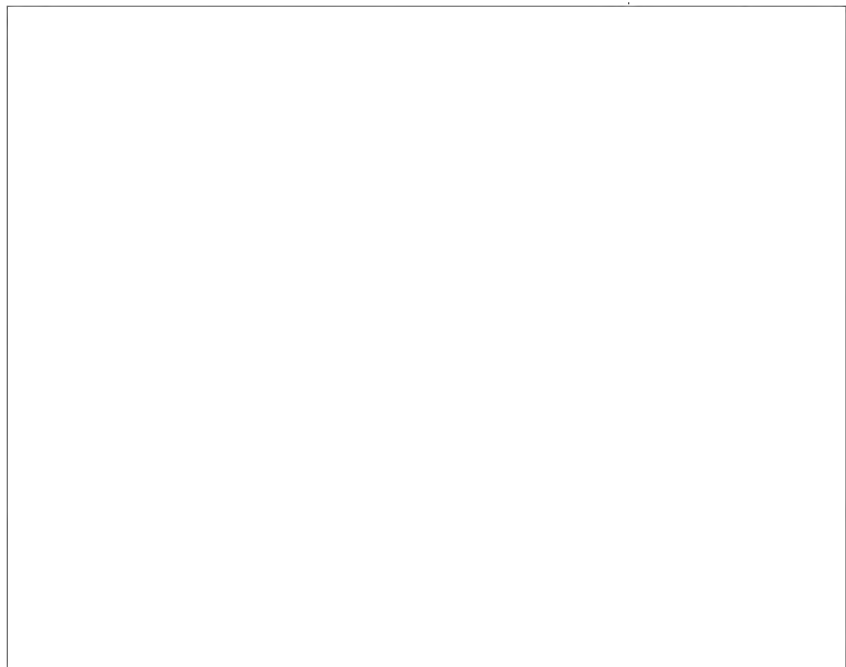
The army and General Suharto have taken a step backward in announcing today the postponement of the heralded 12 May session of Indonesia's top policy-making body, the Provisional Peoples' Consultative Assembly. Sukarno had threatened to dissolve the assembly after much publicity had been given to the possibility that it might rescind his life-long presidency.

The postponement, however, is only a tactical move which reflects the army's apprehension over Sukarno's residual popularity and his craftiness.

The next act could be a return of anti-Sukarno demonstrators to the streets, and this may be what Suharto has in mind.

6. Jordan

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7. Dominican Republic

As the election campaign heats up and edges into displays of violence, there are suggestions that Balaguer's campaign may be gathering some momentum.

[redacted] presidential candidate Rafael Bonnelly will withdraw his name just before the 1 June elections and right-wing parties which have declared for him will swing their support to Balaguer.

By law, moreover, votes for Bonnelly would be tallied for Balaguer if Bonnelly explicitly withdrew in his favor.

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8. Guatemala

The terrorist arm of the Communist Party has begun a threatened week of violence in the capital. [redacted]

[redacted] last night there was at least one kidnapping of a senior government official.

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What the Communists hope to accomplish by this renewal of terrorism is hard to fathom. Should it be prolonged, it could conceivably lead to a refusal by the lame-duck military government to turn over power on 1 July. The newly seated congress is to elect a president in the next few days.

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